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Notes on Current Mining Activity in California

Amador County

The Edwin underground clay mine at Jones Butte, west of Ione, has been operated for many years by Gladding McBean and Company to supply a highly refractory clay (cone 34) for use in fire brick. This mine will be closed and future operations on the property will be by open pit mining. Stripping of overburden and loading of the clay by Caterpillar tractors and bulldozers will save much manual labor.

Inyo County

Lead ore to the amount of 80 tons per day is being milled from properties near Tecopa by Shoshone Mine, Anaconda Copper Mining Company. Forty-eight men are employed under supervision of Burhl Dykehouse of Tecopa.

Milling of lead ore from the New Southerland Mining Company's operations 11 miles northwest of Ashford Mill in southern Death Valley is on a two-shift-per-day basis. The mill is designed to handle 100 tons of ore per day. Custom ore will be handled as capacity permits. Eighteen men are employed. John E. Gallois, 985 Mill Building, San Francisco, is President and J.L. Desmond of Shoshone is Superintendent.

Volcanic ash is being shipped from the Charles Brown deposit,  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile south of Shoshone, by Western Talc Company, F.H. Savell, President, 1901 E. Slauson Avenue, Los Angeles.

Kern County

Equipment is being moved from the Yellow Aster tailings plant for use in the new mill at the Baltic mine,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles southeast of Randsburg. Ten men under the direction of Mr. I.D. Budd of Randsburg are employed at this gold property.

Gold placer ground north of Randsburg, formerly worked by the Rand Gold Dredging Association, is now being prepared for dredging by Foley Brothers, Randsburg. A dragline dredge capable of handling 250 yards per day is expected to be in operation by March 1.

A perlite deposit located eight miles north of Cantil in the El Paso mountains is being drilled by Production Research, Incorporated, of Pasadena. The deposit is owned by Della G. Gerbracht of Randsburg.